

**FACTSHEET**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS  
TERMS OF OFFICE**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<b>Federal Offices</b>			
President	4 years*	12:01 p.m. on 20th day of January following election	U.S. Constitution Article XX, Section 1
Vice President	4 years*	12:01 p.m. on 20th day of January following election	U.S. Constitution Article XX, Section 1
U.S. Senator	6 years	12:01 p.m. on 3rd day of January following election	U.S. Constitution Article XX, Section 1
U.S. Representative	2 years	12:01 p.m. on 3rd day of January following election	U.S. Constitution Article XX, Section 1
<b>State Offices</b>			
Governor	4 years <sup>+</sup>	12:00 p.m. on first Monday in December following election	State Constitution Article V, Section 1
Lieutenant Governor	4 years <sup>+</sup>	12:00 p.m. on first Monday in December following election	State Constitution Article V, Sections 1 and 2
State Senator	4 years	upon election (from the date of the general election)	State Constitution Article III, Section 4
State Representative	2 years	upon election (from the date of the general election)	State Constitution Article III, Section 4
Board of Education (BOE) Member	4 years	upon election (from the date of the general election)	Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 13-4
Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)	4 years	upon election (from the date of the special election held in conjunction with the general election)	Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 13D-5

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<b>City &amp; County of Honolulu Offices</b>			
Mayor	4 years <sup>+</sup>	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	City Charter Section 5-101
Prosecuting Attorney	4 years	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	City Charter Section 8-102
Councilmembers	4 years <sup>+</sup>	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	City Charter Section 3-102
<b>County of Hawaii Offices</b>			
Mayor	4 years <sup>+</sup>	12 noon on 1st Monday of December following election	County Charter Article V, Section 5-1.1
Prosecuting Attorney	4 years	12 noon on 1st Monday of December following election	County Charter Article IX, Section 9-1
Councilmembers	2 years <sup>++</sup>	12 noon on 1st Monday of December following election	County Charter Article III, Section 3-2
<b>County of Maui Offices</b>			
Mayor	4 years <sup>+</sup>	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	County Charter Article 7, Section 7-2
Councilmembers	2 years <sup>#</sup>	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	County Charter Article 3, Section 3-2
<b>County of Kauai Offices</b>			
Mayor	4 years <sup>+</sup>	12 noon on 1st working day in December following election	County Charter Article VII, Section 7.01
Prosecuting Attorney	4 years	12 noon on 1st working day in December following election	County Charter Article IXA, Section 9A.01
Councilmembers	2 years	12 noon on 1st working day in December following election	County Charter Article III, Section 3.03

This Fact Sheet is intended for informational purposes only and should not be used as an authority on the Hawaii election law and candidate deadlines. Requirements and/or deadlines may change pending changes in legislation. Consult the Hawaii Revised Statutes and other sources for more detailed and accurate requirements.

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